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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE.

Dear Friends:

The last week of the old year was made memorable for us by the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Henson. It was good to see them, and to see them looking so well. Dr. Henson's twenty years of devoted service for this church, and Mrs. Henson's faithful and beautiful leadership in the work of the Sunday-school, were remembered by those who pressed eagerly forward to welcome them at the close of the Men's League meeting. The words of Dr. Henson at the solemn watch-night service were particularly tender and helpful.

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There are three special causes for gratitude as we pass from the old year to the new. One of these is the fact that we close the record of our work as a church during 1908 with no deficit in our running expenses, and with all bills paid. Another cause for gratitude is the large attendance and profound interest of our members at the monthly communion services. We had more present on the third of January than we have had, with one exception, for nearly four years. This evidence of genuine loyalty to Christ and His church is most encouraging. Then there is the matter of the Sunday-school. Some of the teachers have been showing great concern for the conversion of their pupils and have been seeking by prayer and effort to bring them to Christ. We are already, in these opening days of the new year, witnessing the results of this good work.

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I have a number of suggestions for 1909 which I will make through the medium of my annual report. This, with the reports of all our church organizations, will be published in the February number of "Church Life." Before closing my message I desire to call your attention to the needs of the Raymond field. Mr. Kelley has entered upon his duties with vigor, and he has the hearty co-operation of the entire force of workers. He has broad and practical plans, but it is impossible for him to carry forward these plans without a larger corps of helpers. It is not right, it is not fair, that we should require him to make bricks without straw. If we furnish the proper materials he will build a worthful and enduring work. We posses a new and commodious chapel. We occupy a strategic location. The land and building are ours without incumbrance or debt. We have a small band of consecrated people who are big-hearted, wise-hearted, and willing-hearted. We have grand leaders in our pastoral, Sunday-school and industrial school activities. We just need twenty more helpers.

If the situation and the opportunity do not appeal to you, who have given your lives to Christ for service in His Name, I cannot imagine any field or opportunity on earth appealing to you—surely God wants you there!

Your Pastor,

Austen K. de Blois.

MR. LORENZO HARVEY.

Mr. Harvey, a deeply respected member of our congregation, and a members of the Men's League, passed from earth to his Heavenly Home on Thursday, Dec. 24. He was born in Frankfort, New York, and experienced religion when a young man, uniting with the Baptist Church in New Hartford, N. Y. He became Sunday-school superintendent there, and later, on his removal to Iowa, became superintendent in the town where he resided. From Iowa he moved to Janesville, Wisconsin, and from there came to Chicago in the spring of 1873. He at first attended the University Place Church, now Memorial, but for the 17 years had been regular attendant at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Harvey was for many years in the milk business. He then went into the bakery business and during the last active years of his life was agent for bakery goods. During the last three years he was unable to work, owing to ill health. Mr Harvey was a man conscientious, faithful and self-denying. He said to his wife during his last illness: "I have never lost sight of my Savior."

It is only a few weeks since Mr. Harvey's brother, Mr. C. F. Harvey, a man well known and greatly honored amongst us, and the husband of one of our beloved members, was called to the Higher Service. A friend of the two

brothers expressed a very beautiful thought when he spoke of them as spending their Christmas day, the birthday of our Lord, together in the mansions of joy.

MRS. MUIR.

A little more than a year ago the pastor had the privilege of baptizing and receiving into the fellowship of our church a young married lady who had recently come to live in our vicinity. She gave herself at once and unreservedly to the service of Jesus Christ. Quiet and unassuming, yet ever ready to take her place and perform her Christian duties in a brave and cheerful spirit, she won the admiration of all who came to know her. As a result of her prayers and devotion her husband was led to Christ, and was baptized two or three months ago. She was summoned quite suddenly to the glory land, but her record of sweet words and noble deeds remains. Hers was a truly lovely life. She leaves a little babe a few weeks old. To the sorrowing husband we extend our heartfelt sympathies.

A BIRTHDAY SOCIAL.

The Woman's Mission Circle is planning a birthday social to be given in the lecture room some evening early in February. Please watch for the date as given from the pulpit and in the calendar. Old and young, brothers and sisters are invited. A bright program will be given and a good time insured.

Ask any member of the Circle for a little bag wherein to place your birthday money, and come and cheer us in this effort to raise our apportionment through these birthday offerings.

"Won't you come to the birthday party?
Please come at eight and don't be late,
A hearty greeting waits you.
One bright penny for each new year
In this pretty bag bring with you.
Fathers and mothers and children come,
Let us meet together and have some fun."

THE WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

The Mission Circle on January 8 was attended by thirty-three members. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Jackman after a long absence, and sorry to part with Mrs. L. H. Smith, who will spend the winter in California.

The program of the afternoon was full of interest.

Mrs. Downe told us of her enjoyment in attending the farewell meeting in Boston, of the outgoing missionaries, last September. Mrs. Googins showed the results of evangelistic mission work in all nations by two examples: one the turning to God among the people of the Keng Tung district in Burma; the other the work of Miss Fife among the six thousand Japanese of Seattle.

Mrs. Bennett gave us a sketch of the life of Adoniram Judson, a story of heroism that can never grow old or lose its interest.

The next meeting of the Circle will be on February 12—the annual meeting at which time reports will be given, and officers and committees chosen for the coming year.

RAYMOND NOTES.

It was a good sight to see twenty-four of the Raymond members at the first communion service of the year. It looked like old times to see so many out. Can we not make the number larger next time?

Mr. and Mrs. Ole C. Olsen, from Minneapolis, Minn., were home during the holidays. It was a great pleasure to greet them at Raymond Chapel.

It seemed good to see Mrs. Hackendahl back in her accustomed place after her severe operation at the hospital.

There was considerable light turned upon Raymond Mission last Wednesday evening at the home prayer meeting. It resulted in more than double the light in the Raymond Chapel. Four new chandeliers have been installed so that the chapel now presents a bright and attractive appearance.

The crying need of Raymond is for workers. More workers in every department are needed. It hardly seems possible that Raymond Field, the only mission of our large and splendid church, should ever be obliged to come home to beg for helpers. God grant that twenty hearts may respond to the Macedonian cry that came from the lips of the Raymond representatives at the prayer meeting last Wednesday evening, and "come over and help us." One striking thing about religion is, the more we export the more we will have at home.

The Men's League at Raymond has been doing some good work. It now is planning for rooms in the basement, in order that there may be a free dispensary conducted in connection with the mission. We have some splendid godly physicians about our church who are willing to give their services and influence to this good work.

The Ravenswood men's chorus, assisted by Miss A. B. Shrigley, reader, will give an entertainment under the auspices of the Raymond Men's League Tuesday evening, Jan. 19. Tickets are 25 and 15 cents. The proceeds are to go towards improvements for the free dispensary. If you have ever heard this men's chorus you will want to hear them again. If you never have heard these Wilson Ave. Y. M. C. A. boys sing don't miss this opportunity. Those who have heard our Miss Shrigley are always pleased to hear her again.

The stork visited the home of Brother and Sister McIntyre December 21 and left an eight-pound boy. They concluded to keep him and tagged him Norman J.

Two of our faithful women have been very sick during the past month. Mrs. Johnson has been suffering with rheumatism. Mrs. Gilmore has been very sick for some three weeks. We are glad to report that both are improving.

A POOR CHURCH MOUSE.

Dr. F. H. Kelly proved himself a hero at the last meeting of the Raymond Men's League. A miscreant, who was a terror to all the ladies, was laid low by a terrific swing from the Doctor's powerful right hand. This cowardly terror took advantage of such times as when the Girls' Guild, or Ladies' Aid Society were having their meetings. He must have been confused in his dates, for he broke into the Men's League meeting where he was immediately laid low, carried out by the tail and thrown into the street.

MEN'S LEAGUE.

On the evening of December 28 we had the pleasure of having with us our beloved former pastor, Dr. P. S. Henson, who was with us for twenty of the happiest years of our church history.

We were truly glad to see him back, and when he came forward to speak to us, he was greeted with the heartiest of applause.

His talk was entirely reminiscent and dealt with early incidents of our church, and his own experiences from a young man on.

When in college, in the middle of his course, his father failed in business and he was thus thrown upon his own resources without any money to speak of. With energy and courage he set out for Philadelphia having made up his mind that he would not be a burden on his father. Upon arrival there he found himself with only twenty-five cents in money and the hour obviously too late to earn any more that night.

He continued to walk along the street a ways when all of a sudden he heard singing and upon investigation as to the source found there was a religious meeting going on and he went in.

It proved to be a temperance meeting, and when the chairman of the meeting called upon any one present to give a little talk on temperance, he rose and made a little speech his father taught him as a boy, and he spoke with such earnestness that after the meeting was over a gentleman approached him and wanted him to speak at a meeting later, and the future Doctor Henson agreed. This gentleman then got out some posters advertising the lecture and announcing that there would be an admission charge of twenty-five cents.

From there they went to New York and continued for some time being successful all along the way and procuring enough money to complete his college education, when the rest of the way became easier.

With humor he told of many an interesting incident strewn along his life's pathway, and with humor and pathos described other little incidents and memories of the past years of the "Old First," speaking especially of "Deacon Willard and his gospel trumpet," and how earnestly and diligently he listened to the sermon Sunday after Sunday, sitting in his chair directly in front of the pulpit stand.

Doctor Henson looks unusually strong and well, and, one can say very truthfully, better than he has ever looked.

His remarks were well chosen and it was a pleasure to hear his welcome voice again.

Previous to and following Dr. Henson's lecture we had the pleasure of listening to a young lady violinist whom the League had the pleasure of listening to two or three years ago. She received the heartiest of applause then and was regarded as a veritable musical prodigy, but her rendition on this occasion was even more of a revelation than on the former evening by fully one hundred per cent.

She played pieces both times of high classical merit, such as a student when in the first few years of study cannot hope to play, unless of unusual ability and talent.

Though still only fifteen or sixteen years old and having had only four years of study, she plays the violin like a master and proved herself possessed of perfect control both of her instrument and her audience. She drew forth notes of honeyed sweetness and showed clearly that she possesses a strong as well as delicate and sure stroke with her bow, playing for us pieces such as only Jan Kubelik, the famous violinist, plays; and playing them phenomenally well. A most brilliant future as a concert soloist is predicted for her

This was Miss Irene Strolofsky, and she is very fortunate in having an excellent piano accompanist in Miss Charlotte Brucks.

After Miss Strolofsky and Miss Brucks had responded to encores, president Smith announced that Dr. and Mrs. Henson would be glad to greet their friends, and all moved forward to greet them and heartily clasp their hands, all being glad to see them again among us. It was a most happy occasion and it did all good to see Dr. and Mrs. Henson again. Those who were absent missed a rare treat.

Frank W. Gale.

JUNIOR C. E. SOCIETY.

The young people of the Junior Society, the "True Blues," are meeting with great success under the direction of Miss Alice M. Carter and her associates. The boys and girls are taking hold with a fine spirit and thirty-two were present at the last meeting, besides the leaders. On Christmas Sunday the pastor was presented with an address and a magnificent bouquet of American Beauty roses by the members of the society. The meetings have been held at four o'clock on Sunday afternoons, but the hour is now to be changed to three o'clock.

WATCH NIGHT MEETING.

A Union Watch Night Service was held at our church, beginning at 9 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 31. The South Park M. E. Church joined with us in the observance. After a short song service, conducted by Mr. D. R. Leland, the two principal addresses were given by Rev. M. C. Hartzell of the South Park Church and Dr. P. S. Henson, our former pastor. An intermission of half an hour followed, refreshments being served by the Christian Endeavorers. The closing service of Consecration was led by Pastor de Blois. The meeting was intensely interesting. About 600 people were present during the evening.

AMONGST OUR MEMBERS.

Miss Georgia Hopper has arrived in Paris, after a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic. She is delighted with her surroundings and has entered upon her studies with enthusiasm.

Miss Hattie Stone and Miss Isabella Stone are again in Rome, carrying forward with great success the school for young ladies which they have now conducted for several winters.

We sympathize deeply with Mrs. Tichy in the loss of her husband. The funeral services were conducted by our pastor.

It was a great pleasure to greet Miss May Titterington, of Minneapolis, a member of our church who has been absent from us for some time. We were sorry that she was taken ill during her stay and was obliged to spend some time at the Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Shegirn Tomihioto, a brilliant young Japanese who has been a member of our church for the past two years, is now a student at the University of Chicago.

We are sorry to lose from our ranks Mr. Lum Chee, who has taken his letter from us to unite with the Evanston Church. He has been one of the most faithful of our Chinese members, and goes now to Evanston to enter upon a course of study at the Northwestern University.

Mr. Ozro B. Guest has recently been appointed chief of the wireless telegraph station at the Navy Yard, Honolulu, H. I. Bro. Guest retains his interest and fellowship with our church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley C. Watson spent the summer and part of the autumn at Lake Geneva, but have now returned to the city and, though living away south on 50th street, are frequently present with us at our services.

Mr. Adrian K. Webster was taken seriously ill a few days ago with appendicitis and was operated on at the Michael Reese Hospital. We earnestly hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. S. Pickett has returned from her visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Tucker, in London, Eng., and has been with us at several of our services recently. It is good to see her looking so well after her trip abroad.

We learn with great sorrow of the very serious illness of Mrs. Richardson, mother of our Mrs. Piercey, and trust that she may yet recover, though the physicians give little hope.

Mrs. V. V. Rinker has been confined to the house by a severe attack of rheumatism but is better now and able to be with us at our services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Schmuck have moved from 67th street and Loomis avenue. They are now stopping with Mrs. Schmuck's mother, very much nearer to the church than before, and we hope to have them with us constantly.

Mrs. C. R. Stouffer will leave in a few days for California, and will be absent for some time in that charming southern land. We wish her a delightful journey and a safe return.

Mrs. H. N. Smith will spend the winter in southern California. She will be greatly missed, for she is one of our most faithful members.

Mr. Stephen de Blois spent a week in Elgin with old friends, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. H. Webster Tomlinson is achieving merited fame as an architect. His model tenement houses are being widely commented upon by the press of the country.

Mr. L. C. Humphrey has been chosen as superintendent of the Raymond Sunday-school. A good man in a place of great opportunities.

Mrs. Solomon T. Allen recently celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. Many friends called to offer their congratulations.

Mrs. Kate Kellow will spend some months in California. She will be greatly missed from our services.

Mrs. J. A. Jackman has returned from her visit to St .Louis and has received a royal welcome home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Morava recently made a trip to the Southland. We rejoice that Mr. Morava's health is much improved.

Col. E. R. Bliss has been ill with pneumonia, but is greatly improved and able to attend to business again.

Mrs. Almy Miller, one of our oldest members, is seriously ill. She is a faithful attendant upon the services when her health permits her to be present.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Bucklin, who has recently been afflicted in the death of her son, after a short illness with typhoid fever. He was a noble yonng man and bore a character stainless and true.

Miss Marie Kilbourne and Miss Cathryn Beery are having a glorious visit in the Far West.

Miss Laura Duffy spent the Christmas vacation with her mother in Chicago. She is attending a Methodist College and likes the Methodists but she is still a true blue Baptist.

Mr. John Bevan, one of our oldest and most honored members, has had a severe attack of pneumonia, but his rugged constitution has rallied from the disease and he is now coming back to health again.

Mr. W. E. Smith has been appointed secretary of the Douglas Neighborhood Club, a position that carries with it heavy responsibilities.

Mr. Cassius Williamson will leave Chicago in

the course of the next two weeks for Australia, where he will enter into business with his uncle, who is a resident of that far-away country.

Dr. Laura McLauren, who was baptized by our pastor, and did such noble service in connection with our Sunday-school and Raymond Chapel, has returned to her former home at Guelph, Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Clarke, father of our Mr. C. M. Clarke, assisted in the conduct of our regular Sunday morning services two or three weeks since. He was present at and took part in the ordination of Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer, more than half a century ago. It was a privilege for our members to greet him here.

Rev. Dr. Geo. E. Day has returned to Chicago from his visit to his sons and daughter in Boston and New York. While absent from us he preached with great acceptance at the First Baptist Church of New York, of which the celebrated Dr. Haldeman is pastor.

Mrs. A. O. Ware was with us for a week or two at Christmas time. Her many friends gathered about her with words of warm welcome.

Mrs. T. G. McLaury has been confined to the house for a week or two. She was threatened with the dread disease, pneumonia, but fortunately escaped, and is now much better.

Rev. E. L. Kelley, our assistant pastor, Mrs. Kelley, and their little daughter, spent New Year's Day at Wheaton.

Mrs. R. R. Donnelley was sick in bed and absent from our services for a couple of weeks. We are glad to see her with us again.

Mrs. G. E. Day met with quite a severe accident, being thrown down violently by the sudden starting of a street car. She has been having careful medical treatment and is somewhat improved.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

The Christmas festival of our Sunday-school was held on the evening of December 29, 1908, and in spite of the rain was well attended.

Although the programme was less elaborate than on some occasions, it was much enjoyed by every one present. After singing of a Christmas song by the school, the Christmas story was told by one of the boys, and this was followed by an exercise given by nine girls representing the Moon, Stars and the Star of Bethlehem. As they finished their recital, a quartette from the Training School sang very sweetly, "Holy Night," and an exercise by five smaller girls was given. One was the Day-Star, the other smaller stars and recitation and song were alike pleasing.

"The Story of the Star" was then told by another of the boys, and after singing by the schools, the various nations paid their tribute to the blessings which had been given to them as the result of the coming of Christ. India, England, China, Japan, Austria, Germany, Norway and Sweden, Poland, the Islands of the Sea, and our own land of the Red, White and Blue each told its story and the audience united in the singing of "America."

The second part of the programme was introduced by the appearance of Mother Goose and Father Time, and later came Jack and Jill, Red Riding-Hood, Little Jack Horner, Simple Simon, Contrary Mary, Polly Flinders and other characters dear to the heart of childhood, and not forgotten by those older-grown, and each had an offering for the Christmas tree.

Last, but not least, came two who represented the "babies." As they sang "Rock-a-bye baby" they swung between them the basket which contained the offering from that department, five dollars.

The motto of the evening was "not to be ministered unto but to minister," and the offerings on the tree, which represented almost every class in the school, were for the Baptist Orphanage at Maywood, the potatoes which were the admission fee, having a like destination.

One feature of the programme was that it included every department of the school, from the young men of the Lorimer and Judson classes, and the young ladies of Mrs. Wigney's class to the babies. Even the audience, not members of the school, had their part in the singing and through the admission fee.

The closing exercise which was of great interest to the children, was the distribution by some remarkably active Brownies of boxes of candy ground out (apparently) from a huge wind mill which was on the opposite side of the platform from the Christmas tree.

It was an evening of pleasure, where lessons were taught in different guise from that usual, and where the atmosphere of cheerful, happy willingness which pervaded every exercise emphasized the spirit of good-will which is the spirit of the Christmas-tide.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Dec. 18, 1908.

The very successful bazaar given by the Ladies' Benevolent Society upon Dec. 3rd and 4th fitly rounded up the work of the year and added the substantial sum of $645—the fund pledged by the society towards the payment for the lot adjoining the church. Occurring, as it did, upon the date of our annual meeting, the latter was postponed until Dec. 18th, giving us but one regular meeting for the month. This annual meeting is no ordinary occasion. It is then that our "loyal legion" assembles in force to review the completed work of the year, and to participate, as one of our number has wittily remarked, in the annual re-election of officers. Each of the seventy-five ladies in attendance wore an expression of pleasure and satisfaction, when the business meeting was called to order. Reports from the chairmen of the various committees showed increased activity and greater results than during previous years. We fear to encroach upon the magnificent report of our Secretary by entering into details, but will refer the

readers of Church Life to the February number, in which it will appear in full. After listening to its excellence and merit, we were filled with regret to learn that in consequence of ill health we were compelled to accept the resignation of Mrs. Roy, who has filled the position of secretary so admirably. Were it not that we have so able and efficient an alternate in our former secretary, Mrs. Morava, who again succeeds to the office, we should be unconsolable.

The treasurer's report, as usual, gave us great cause for congratulation, and gave evidence of great financial ability upon the part of this woman's organization. Our treasury, indeed, is never empty. Such a thing as a deficit is beyond our comprehension, and in spite of large and constant disbursements our giving does not "impoverish, but rather increases." We hardly know where the money comes from unless Miss Goodman possesses some magic skill in her careful manipulation of the small accretions, which little by little swell the large total.

With the exception of the change in the office of secretary, the entire board of officers was again elected for the coming year, viz.:

Mrs. Clifford Williams, President.
Mrs. C. H. Marshall, 1st Vice President.
Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2nd Vice President.
Mrs. W. Morava, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. C. R. Stouffer, Corresponding Secretary.
Miss E. Goodman, Treasurer.
Contributor to Church Life, Mrs. L. H. Smith.
Executive committee officers, Mrs. J. S. McCullough, Mrs. G. E. Downe, Mrs. Eliza Harvey.
Distribution of Garments, Mrs. H. C. Combs.
Luncheon, Mrs. L. C. Humphrey.
Lookout committee, Mrs. L. H. Smith.
Cutting and Purchasing, Mrs. W. E. Smith.
Distribution of Work, Mrs. A. E. Hall and Mrs. F. E. Hinckley.
Pianist, Mrs. McCrohan.
Representative on District Committees, Mrs. S. B. Lingle.
On Young Woman's Christian Association, Mrs. Spry and Mrs. Eliza Harvey.

No life term of office has yet been instituted in the Benevolent Society, yet it seems extremely difficult for any one once serving the society creditably to avoid the continued honor. So great and sincere is the appreciation of the society of the services of our president, Mrs. Williams, that it would take indeed the determined resolution of a Roosevelt for her to withstand the unanimous demand to retain her position. With such a successful record of past service, we expect still greater things in the future.

Our attention was called to the return to the city of our former president, Mrs. Behel, on account of the serious illness of her husband. Our hearts went out to her with tenderness and our secretary was instructed to send a letter expressing our deep sympathy in her great sorrow and anxiety.

A donation of $5.00 from Mrs. Gaylord toward the bazaar fund was reported. By request of Mrs. Wigney, $15.00 was voted to the Raymond Mission for the Christmas entertainment, and $10.00 to a needy family in our church. An appropriation of $10.00 was also made toward the purchase of materials and clothing in answer to an appeal from the Midnight Mission. At the conclusion of the business meeting, luncheon was announced, and we had another opportunity to felicitate ourselves upon our good fortune in retaining Mrs. Humphrey as chairman of our table committee. Our little blue pitcher is a veritable widow's cruse, and its contents always sufficient to provide abundantly for this social mid-day meal.

To those women of our church who do not belong to our society, we want to say a word. You do not know us, nor what you are missing by not being one of our number. The Benevolent Society is thoroughly alive to every good word and work. It is magnificently organized for charitable work; its departments are many and varied, and the esprit de corps which makes it a unit and a power is conspicuous in these days of languishing zeal and half-hearted effort. Our watchword is progress—larger and broader benevolence, and we need your assistance and co-operation in return. Come and join us and we will do you good.

Mrs. W. E. S.

"ARE YOU LAZY?"

"The slothful man saith there is a lion in his way."—Proverbs 26: 13.

A lazy man can always find an excuse; laziness is the product of a diseased mind, it is a sign that the faculty of industry is dead, and with its burial this opposite power has gathered fresh strength.

Laziness is sustained very often by a powerful imagination, which invents all kinds of excuses for neglect of duty. The cry of the lazy man is "Lions! lions!" He can hear their roar and see their gleaming eyes everywhere. Tell him of any work you would like him to do, at once he sees a wild beast, and begs to be excused because of its ferocity.

An excuse is a plea offered in extenuation of a fault. It is a poor thing to offer to God instead of service. An excuse is not bread; it cannot keep anyone alive; there is no nutriment. It is not light, and has no brightness by which to cheer anyone in darkness.

An excuse is a weed and not a flower; it is a reed and not a staff on which a weary soul might lean; it is chaff and not wheat.

You cannot build orphanages, alms-houses or churches with excuses.

An excuse is offering a handful of gravel for pearls; it is the spear of laziness by which we stab God; it is like the nails in Jesus' hand, the thorns on His brow, and the spear in His side; it leaves a great, deep wound.

An excuse is not a dove of peace with a blessing on its wing, but a ravenous vulture, spreading desolation and despair.

To be excused is very old: Adan ate the forbidden fruit and afterwards found an apology for his wrong-doing in his wife.

Making excuses is offering to God a lump of lead, cold and dim, instead of the bright gold of service.

If excuses advanced the work of God all our churches would be well filled and the prayer meetings crowded.

Let us not make any more excuses; they give pain to our brother and sorrow to God.

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NO PLACE FOR THE BOYS.

What can a boy do and where can a boy stay,
If he is told to get out of the way?
He cannot sit here, and he must not stand there,
The cushions that cover that fine rocking chair
Were put there, of course, to be seen and admired:
A boy has no business to ever be tired.
The beautiful roses and flowers that bloom
On the floor of the darkened and delicate room
Are made not to walk on—at least, not by boys;
The house is no place, anyway, for their noise.

Yet boys must walk somewhere; and what if their feet,
Sent out of our houses, sent into the street,
Should step round the corner, and pause at the door,
Where other boys' feet have paused oft before;
Should pass thro' the gateway of glittering light
Where jokes that are merry and songs that are bright
Ring out a warm welcome with flattering voice,
And temptingly say, "Here's a place for the boys."
Ah, what if they should? What if your boy or mine
Should cross o'er the threshold which marks out the line
'Twixt virtue and vice, 'twixt pureness and sin,
And leave all his innocent boyhood within.

O, what if they should, because you and I
While the days and the months and the years hurry by,
Are too busy with cares and with life's fleeting joys
To make round our hearthstone a place for the boys?
There's a place for the boys. They'll find it somewhere;
And if our own homes are too daintily fair
For the touch of their fingers, the tread of their feet,
They'll find it, and find it alas in the street
'Mid the gildings of sin and glitter of vice;
And with heartache and longings we pay a dear price
For the getting of gain that our lifetime employs employs

If we fail to provide a good place for the boys.

It is the pure in heart who see purity and whom it makes happy. It is those who love who can know love, and to whom it is unbounded joy. It is they who are of truth, who hear truth's voice, to whom it is the music of the world. It is they who see, and know, and hear these things who become consciously at one with God.—Stopford A. Brooke.

However difficult life may be the path of duty is the only road we can travel in safety. The way of duty is sometimes difficult, but the way of transgressors is hard.

PATIENCE.

By Beth Slater Whitson in the October Metropolitan Magazine.

I stood within the halls of Joy
And asked, "If one could point the way
To Sorrow's house." With manner coy,
Impatiently, each answered "nay."

I knocked upon the door of Pain.
"Can tell where Sorrow lives?" I cried—
But there too, I had sought in vain;
"Joy is my mother," Pain replied.

Then met I one whose face serene
Was as a light upon the earth;
"Sorrow," she said with gentle mien—
"Ah, yes—'twas she that gave me birth."

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY GRAIL.

This boys' order, founded by Dr. Perry Edwards Powell, November 19, 1900, has long since passed the experimental stage. It is now in thirty-seven states, the Philippines, Peru and Chili, South America, and Castles are found in all the leading denominations. It is abundantly fulfilling the purpose for which it was launched, in saving the boy, body,—mind, and soul.

Wherever the work exists, it is found to solve the boy problem. The boy of fifteen years and over, accustomed to slip out of the church and Sunday-school, is found to be a faithful attendant at the public service and at the Sunday-school.

The plan of work is so simple that pastors and Sunday-school workers become more and more enthusiastic. The fact that it has found free access into all the churches, and that its expansion is steadily increasing, ought to command attention and keen interest.

But if the pastors are becoming enthusiastic, what about the boy himself? He is simply delighted. He comes at last to know his pastor and his pastor to know him. The sympathetic touch of the pastor and Sunday-school superintendent with the boy has done a great deal, through the agency of the Holy Grail, to win him to himself, the church, and the Christ.

The work exactly suits the boy. He is associated with boys of his own age. The Pages take in the boys from ten to twelve years of age. The Esquires, boys from twelve to sixteen years of age, and the Knights, boys over sixteen up to about thirty.

The camp feature is becoming more in evidence each year in various states. The boys and young men have the privilege of engaging in all kinds of athletics. They also have regular Bible instruction, attend lectures and entertainments, and then return to their own churches enriched by their experience.

Marion Lawrance, General Secretary of the International Sunday School Association, testifies to the "workability and attractiveness" of the Holy Grail: "It is wonderfully attractive to boys in the adolescent period, and helps the church to solve many a problem. Its lessons are all uplifting, and the boys are almost unconsciously imbibing those principles of life and conduct that tend to make them manly and true."

Frank L. Brown, Chairman of the Intermediate Department of the International Sunday School Association, states: "We are learning that the secret of holding and winning the intermediate boy is to take advantage of that trend of his nature which leads him to band with others in something worth doing. Among the organizations that appeal peculiarly to that age we are glad to very heartily commend to Sunday-school workers the "Knights of the Holy Grail," which rallies the youth about the best ideals of manhood and reverence, and has in it that mystery, form, and display which satisfies his hunt for the unusual. In the elasticity of plan it covers many other desirable features which must go hand in hand with the effort to reach the many-sided nature of the boy."

Mr. Irvine Francis Nix, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, a preacher and accomplished reader, is now giving his whole time to the work as national organizer.

Bishop Joseph F. Berry, Buffalo, New York, always keen in his interest for the promotion of the lives of the youth and the up-building of character, is now National King Arthur of the Knights of the Holy Grail.

A request for the free booklets on the Knights of the Holy Grail should be sent to The Holy Grail, Tipton, Indiana.—P. E. Powell.

The moment I fret about a thing I am its slave, instead of its master. And there is no slave-master in the world like worry. Another master may grudge the dinner hour, but he must give you time for sleep. Another master may grudge the dinner hour, but sometime you eat. But worry will work you twenty-four hours a day and spoil your appetite into the bargain.—Mark Guy Pearse.

Chicago Baptist News

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Messiah.—Pastor Parsons has completed his first year's work and an informal reception was tendered him and his family on Dec. 9. During the year he has introduced several helpful features of work, among which are the brotherhood children's class for Bible instruction on an afternoon after school, the Opus Club for young women and a Bible class for young women.

Parkside.—Rev. Robert Cameron has resigned as pastor, and is attending the McCormick Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Mr. C. O. Frisbie, manager of the Transportation Department of Armour & Co., is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school and the teacher of a fine class of young men. The Christmas service was held on the evening of Dec. 22nd, and the church was crowded. A. R. E. Wyant, M. D., gave an illustrated address on the life of Christ. A beautiful feature was the presentation of food for the poor by classes with appropriate exercises. Through the help of the Executive Baptist Council, the church is rejoicing over the prospects of a new and commodious meeting-house.

Irving Park.—Under the leadership of Pastor Bancroft the church has recently installed a good pipe organ, and a dedicatory recital and choir concert was given on Dec. 8.

Highland Park.—Mr. Louis B. Hibbard, who for some time has served as judge of the municipal court of Highland Park, is to remove to Des Moines, and become curator of Des Moines College library.

North Shore.—Pastor Bill has been preaching a series of sermons upon "Religion for Today." His subjects were, "What is Religion?", "Is Religion Out of Date?", "A Man Without Religion" and "The Religion of Christmastide." The work of the church has begun most auspiciously under the lead of the new pastor. Four adults have been recently baptized and a number of efficient members have been received by letter. Evening as well as morning services have been well attended. Forty-two were recently present at a meeting of the B. Y. P. U.

Maywood.—On Dec. 2, Rev. J. W. Hanly tendered his resignation as pastor to take effect Dec. 31.

Belden Ave.—Dr. Earl has been preaching a special series of sermons on "A Month With Men." The topics are such as, "Is the Church Effeminate?" "The Measure of a Man;" "The Church and Labor;" "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"

Blue Island.—About twenty-five have been received into membership of this branch of the Morgan Park Church during the past year. After the resignation of Pastor McLaughlin, a call has been extended to Rev. W. H. Harris.

Auburn Park.—Pastor Peterson has been preaching a series of Sunday evening Christmas sermons on "The Great Giver's Gifts," as follows: "The Gift of Living Water," "The Gift of Himself," "The Gift of Peace." There have been a number of baptisms and additions by letter during the past month.

Englewood.—The Brotherhood has been re-organized on the department plan, with chairman and secretary for the various sections. Dr. Ford is the president. Miss Ellen J. Simpson, of New Brunswick, has been engaged by the church to give her whole time as a visitor for the Sunday-school, which has an average attendance of about 1,000.

Covenant.—Dr. P. S. Henson gave his well-known popular lecture on "Grumblers" at the Covenant church on the evening of Dec. 8th, under the auspices of the Philathea Bible Class.

Immanuel.—Thursday, Dec. 24, was given by the whole corps of trained workers to the distribution of gifts to the poor. No church has won a warmer place in the hearts of the unfortunate by its philanthropic policy of lending a hand in the practical burdens of life.

Austin.—The church has been enjoying a season of special revival services under the leadership of Evangelist Davis, assisted by Mr. Mills. as chorus leader.

First.—The December issue of the church paper was a Directory number of the church membership, giving address and telephone number.

Morgan Park.—The young people who have been furnishing the church music will be displaced by an adult choir of sixteen voices. Miss Blood has been engaged as soloist of the First Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

Oak Park.—Dr. Eigelberner recently read a paper on athletic training and its relation to church work at the prayer-meeting and they now have "the First Baptist Church Athletic Association." During December the pastor preached a series of Vesper sermons on the religion of early Greece, comparing it with the re-

ligion of the Israelites, pointing how these philosophical and religious ideas stood related to the ideas of today. The following subjects were discussed: (1) The Early Greek Philosopher-Phophets; (2) Socrates, The Great Prophet of Greece; (3) Plato, The Great Philosopher of Greece; (4) Aristotle, The Great Scientist of Greece; (5) Epicureanism; (6) Stoicism. The series will close with a sermon on Christianity.

Logan Square.—The church, anxious to be used of God, has declared its readiness to hold nightly Gospel services for the salvation of lost souls, every evening at 8 o'clock, except Saturdays, through January, beginning Monday evening, Jan. 11. Pastor Finwall will preach brief gospel sermons in Norwegian, and Miss Myrtle Finwall will sing a gospel song every evening. Every Scandinavian will be welcomed and Christians are urged to pray much for these services.

Lexington Ave.—The average attendance at Sunday-school has been about 350. Dr. W. P. Behan conducts a Teachers' Training Class. The regular congregations have been large and interested.

Memorial.—Rev. R. N. VanDoren, one of the editors of The Standard, is associated with Prof. Willett as pastor of the church.

Grace.—While Pastor Snashall has been recovering his health at Otsego, Mich., Rev. S. J. Winegar has been the regular supply for the church.

Pilgrim Temple.—In closing a pastorate of sixteen and a half years at Pilgrim Temple, Dr. James P. Thoms reports having preached over 1400 sermons, married 444 people, conducted 202 funerals, baptized over 500 persons, received 372 by letter, 81 by experience; added 955 members to the church. Dismissed—By letter, 292; deaths, 69; erasure, 354; total, 715. Present membership, 436. $61,000 have been raised for home expenses; and $6,000 for benevolences. An average of about 600 pastoral calls have been made a year, besides building a church and parsonage on Washington Island, Door Co., Wis., his summer resort; and being actively identified with our colleges and many of our denominational institutions. It was during the panic of 1893 that he built Pilgrim Temple. The congregation is composed mostly of young people, hence the church is not strong financially.

Normal Park Baptist Church Benevolence Budget.

1909.

The several objects with the respective sums over against each, show the ideal we expect to realize. This is apart from the contributions given by the auxiliary organizations of the Church.

OUR MOTTO: Everyone a Giver.

Foreign Missions	$200 00
Home Missions	150 00
Baptist Executive Council	150 00
State Missions	80 00
Publication Society	45 00
N. W. Education Society	30 00
Baptist Orphanage	15 00
Baptist Hospital	30 00
Old Ministers Home	10 00
National B. Y. P. U.	25 00
Associated Charities	15 00
Law and Order League	50 00
Anti-Saloon League of Illinois	10 00
Local Charities	20 00
	$830 00

PERSONALS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Evangelistic Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood held its first special meeting on the evening of Dec. 15, at the Immanuel Church. There was a goodly attendance of men representing many churches in the Chicago Association. Chairman J. Grafton Parker presided, and explained the purpose of the evangelistic committee to hold thirty Sunday evening services in as many different churches during the first six months of the coming year. These services are to be in co-operation with the pastors and churches and to aid, so far as possible, in securing results in saving souls and strengthening the kingdom. Dr. S. T. Ford, of Englewood, and Dr. D. D. MacLaurin, of the Second Church, gave strong and instructive addresses. Dr. Ford emphasized "The Individual Responsibility of a Layman" and Dr. MacLaurin "The Layman's Opportunity for Service."

At the Ministers' Conference on Dec. 21, Mr. L. W. Messer, of the Y. M. C. A., affirmed that the church is in the midst of the greatest awakening in its history. The great fundamentals of the gospel are presented as never before; it has a sane, evangelistic method and appeal; it emphasizes Christian nurture as the normal thing; it has a ministry of service and associated power as never before.

On Dec. 7, the Ministers Conference met in the auditorium of the Tabernacle Church. There was a large attendance. The topic of "Evangelism" was presented in two addreses, Dr. S. T.

Ford speaking upon Methods and Dr. Johnston Myers, upon the pastor's part. The first speaker said there was need of more preaching of gospel sermons leaving the social problems almost alone. He put special emphasis upon the Sunday evening service for evangelistic effort and described effective methods. Dr. Myers declared that the day of big meetings is gone. The pastor must do the work and do it every day. He should have a strong enough personality to appeal to men. He ought to make much of the opportunity which comes to him through the social work of the church, also at weddings and funerals, for reaching individuals. We have overdone the matter of preaching to Christians.

At the Ministers' Conference on Nov. 30, Miss Ben-Oliel, assisted by fifteen persons in costume, gave an interesting lecture on the life and customs of Palestine. Miss Jane Addams spoke upon the movement in the Chicago Charter Convention to secure municipal suffrage for women. A motion was unanimously carried favoring this extension of the franchise. A committee consisting of Rev. A. H. Harnley, Rev. M. P. Boynton and Dr. John A. Earl was appointed to co-operate with similar committees from other conferences in the movement to secure a no-license provision in the city election.

The report of the summer work in Chicago of the Laymen's Evangelistic Council shows that in the Grand Crossing district, eleven churches cooperated and the expense was $1,110.91. In the West Englewood campaign, five churches were engaged and the expense was $1,058.67. In the first district the results in conversions were about 200 and in the second 117. The expenses of the two evangelists and two singers for the time amounted to $1,239.74.

Dr. P. S. Henson and wife were given a farewell reception in Tremont Temple, following his closing Sunday with that church, at which there was an attendance of some 1,500 people. Words of deep appreciation of his ministry and fine leadership in the work of Tremont Temple were spoken by Deacon O. M. Wentworth, Dr. E. F. Merriam, Dr. George E. Horr, Dr. Galusha Anderson, Dr. C. H. Moss, Dr. J. L. Campbell and Rev. W. M. Lisle. A generous purse of $20 gold pieces was given to Dr. and Mrs. Henson. Deacon Wentworth in making the presentation said, "This is a reception without a farewell. After five years of such service as has been given us, we could not say farewell." In replying Dr. Henson gave assurance of his appreciation and his purpose at some time to respond adequately in words appropriate to such an occasion. Dr. Henson supplied the Kenwood Evangelical Church on Dec. 27, and expects to be in Chicago for a short time. Dr. Henson will join with Drs. Barnes and Eubank in holding a series of inspirational conferences in important cities of the North to arouse interest in raising the Northern Baptist Convention apportionment for the missionary societies.

Delegates to the number of fifty-four from twenty-four churches of the Chicago Association met in council on Nov. 20, to consider the advisability of publicly ordaining Bro. Robert Lincoln Kelley, the new pastor of the Washington Park Church. The candidate's statement showed splendid fitness for the work to which he feels himself called, and the council speedily voted to instruct the church to proceed with the ordination. The latter services were held in the Lexington Ave. Church Nov. 24. Dr. Shailer Mathews preached the sermon. Dr. Theo. G. Soares gave the charge to the candidate, Dr. Gilbert Frederick the charge to the church, Rev. M. P. Boynton extended the hand of fellowship and Dr. R. E. Manning offered the ordaining prayer.

Gilbert Frederick, Moderator.
W. S. Abernethy, Clerk.

BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

In answer to many inquiries about the home, it is encouraging to say that the carpenters are rapidly progressing with the work of remodeling the house. Rooms have been elevated and shingled; additions have been made; a heating plant is being installed; porches will be added, and the home completely remodeled by the last of January. Pledges are now being paid in to meet bills as they appear, and President Byrne, who has been a strong factor in the work, says the Home will be opened about the first week in February.

The Woman's Auxiliary are enthusiastic in the work, have ordered $500 to be paid to the Board of Directors for these improvements, and have in hand considerable material to furnish the house.

The Auxiliary will have charge of the domestic department of the house, hiring help, furnishing supplies, etc., as the women do in the orphanage.

Applications in regular form are now being received, and our aged Baptist people will first be considered by the Executive Committee of the Directors. The minimum admission fee is $500 for persons 65 years and over; persons

under that age will also be considered, as well as people not Baptists. Both men and women will be received.

The Baptist denomination is back of this home in the most approved way. It was unanimously approved by the Pastors' Conference, who appointed the committee to call a council of the Baptist churches of the Chicago Association. Two such representative councils were held, and it was unanimously decided to authorize the committee to proceed and secure a charter of incorporation, and the organization was duly effected. It was understood that no special appeals for money should be made till the Training School building was erected, and this has been done. The home is also heartily endorsed by the Board of the Illinois State Convention, so that no institution is more thoroughly organized in harmony with Baptist principles. This is important, and it ought so to be. All connected with the home are in accord with this method of operation. Baptists feel the need of this too long neglected work—the caring for our aged Christian people. All applicants should now send for blanks, and put their applications in regular form at once, for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

Address, Baptist Old People's Home,
Maywood, Ill.

CENTRAL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The grounds of the Orphanage have been greatly improved by the trading of them for cement sidewalks on two sides of the entire block, as ordered by the village of Maywood. The tower has been taken down, the barns removed across the street, and are being remodelled into two good dwelling houses. The cow-barn has been raised, repaired and painted at a cost of $100. A wire fence has been put up to enclose the grounds, which will be made into lawn and garden in the spring. These improvements have greatly improved the appearance of the Orphanage.

A play-pavillion for the children is now needed. The Board has recently appointed Dr. James P. Thoms superintendent of the Orphanage, to take full charge of the work. For ten years he has freely given time and money to the work of the Orphanage, though a busy pastor; and he has been closely identified with the work of the Juvenile Court, where Catholics care for all Catholic children; and where Protestants are doing so little for these thousands of children, two-fifths of whom are Protestants and Jews, and who will be voters ten years hence. Protestants must now awake to this great work if we are to save our nation to Protestantism.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION NOTES.

The Board recently had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. R. R. Donnelley as she told of a trip to our mission stations, of the excellent work done by our own and other denominations, of the schools, often models, and of such high character. She declares, as others have, that it is not difficult to tell by the expression and by the tidy appearance of those who have been in Christian schools or under Christian influence. She has no sympathy with criticism of missionaries and is only amazed with the work they accomplish. Our outgoing missionaries report a pleasant journey and all were well.

Miss Rawlings sends a letter in the form of a journal, written while on a trip of a week through the country, required in the course of study of the language. She says, "You at home would be strong believers in missions if you could see the difference it makes in these people."

Miss Antisdel reports herself the only one on the compound who has not had the fever in the past six months.

Miss Johnson, in Jaro, Philippine Islands, reports one thousand deaths from cholera, while none of their school have been taken.

In Capiz, the new hospital will soon be opened. The time is again at hand when it is important to remind our sisters that all money should be forwarded as early as possible to our treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Kline, 88 East Thirtieth St.

At last reports we were somewhat in advance over last year on receipts. Let us keep up this good work and cheer our officers by prompt and generous giving. H. F. T.

"KINGDOM COMMENTS."

Sunday-school superintendents and teachers should have the little pamphlet on the International Sunday-school lessons for the first quarter of 1909, which has just been issued by the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education. It gives helpful suggestions for the missionary interpretation and illustration of these lessons from the great missionary book, the Acts of the Apostles. It can be had in sufficient quantities to supply each teacher. There is no charge, but it will do no harm to enclose postage when ordering. Address, The Forward Movement, Box 41, Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE CHICAGO BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The committee was appointed in February, 1908, and reported in October.

It was instructed to make a thorough investigation of missions, from the pastor's standpoint. It discovered that the point of the problem would be found in the answer to the question, "Why have the large majority of the churches failed adequately to support the Missionary enterprise?"

It decided that the thing that was needed was an inspiration which would lead pastors and churches to rise to their opportunities in the kingdom of God.

The committee, therefore, determined to get first-hand information from the pastors of those churches throughout the country who had made a success in the past year or two in securing contributions for missions. Accordingly circular letters were sent to the district secretaries and collectors of the Home and Foreign societies of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Southern Board, and in the Dominion of Canada. These letters asked from each district a list of churches that had made such success: 4 with a membership of 900 or over, 4 with a membership of 500 and over, 4 with a membership of 250 and over, and 4 with a membership of 100 and over. The purpose was to secure the facts from churches in all the ordinary conditions in which churches have to prosecute their work.

Replies were received in hundreds of letters from almost every state and territory in the Union, from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. The only large Baptist centers from which no replies were received were Ohio and Texas.

The pastors of these hundreds of churches were sent a circular letter with seven comprehensive questions to answer. The report of the committee was based on these answers received.

Question I.—Was concerning the proportion of benevolence to current expenses, and also as to the classes contributing to a church's work; employers, employes, salaried, and day's wage earners.

Churches of 900 gave $1.00 to benevolence to $2.16 for expenses. About half the churches in this class reporting gave dollar for dollar.

Churches of 500 gave $1.00 to benevolence to $2.00 for expenses. Over one third of the churches in this class gave dollar for dollar.

Churches of 250 gave $1.00 to benevolence to $2.50 for expenses. Over one-seventh of these churches gave dollar for dollar.

Churches of 100 gave $1.00 to benevolence to $2.75 for expenses. Over one-tenth of these churches gave dollar for dollar.

The general average of all these churches is $1.00 to benevolence to $2.35 for expenses.

Is this proportion too large for the average church? Only one of the churches reporting had any particular advantageous circumstances and that is a church in Ontario where the Laymen's movement has sent the proportion far beyond dollar for dollar. A number of the churches made a success under unusually depressing circumstances: meeting-houses not paid for, destroyed by fire; the paying off of heavy property debts, etc. The conditions under which these churches have prosecuted their work for missions have not been unusual or abnormal. And there is only one conclusion from the facts, that any one of the hundreds of churches which have failed to do a successful work for missions, could in a year or two come up to the average if they had the same purpose, consecration, and energy. And the exercise of these qualities for missions would insure a splendid success in all the other activities of the church.

As far as could be determined from the reports, the salaried class is coming to predominate in the churches in all parts of the country, and this class responds to the missionary appeal in a larger proportion than any other.

Question II.—Was concerning the use of missionary sermons, concerts, magazines, literature, stereopticon; the station plan, the support of missionaries or helpers, and the place of the woman's missionary society in the church.

Only two churches had no missionary sermons. The sermons averaged in all the churches oftener than once a quarter. More than half the churches had the concert, averaging oftener than once a quarter. The sale of the magazines was pushed in three-fourths of the churches, and an abundant use of literature was the rule. The stereopticon is coming into use as an aid.

About a third of these churches were either helping support missionaries, helpers, students, or stations, or had members as missionaries. One church said it was inspired to its work by a neighboring church which had members as missionaries.

In less than half of the churches is the woman's missionary society the chief center of missionary interest.

The conclusion is, that sermons must be

preached and literature used in order to get the missionary enterprise before the attention of the people; and that the people will respond to it. It appears to be of great advantage for the church to be vitally connected with the missionary field at home or abroad by having members as missionaries, or in helping to support missionaries or helpers. It is also conclusive that no church can make a success of the missionary enterprise, if it relies solely on the woman's society for its missionary interest and activity.

Question III.—Was concerning mission classes; missions in the Sunday-school, the young people's society; other missionary societies; and whether giving should be through these societies or through the church.

More than half the churches have classes, and all the pastors were in favor of them. The average membership in the class is less than twenty, and in every case was regarded as valuable.

In more than half the churches the Sunday-schools gave to missions. The gifts from the young peoples' societies to missions were largely nominal. A third of the churches had other missionary societies.

Most of the pastors are in favor of the gifts being made through the church, though about one-third of them are in favor of giving both through the church and the societies.

The conclusion seems to be that the organizations offer better opportunity for education and information, and for the creation of enthusiasm, than the church as a whole does. And that where the organization is thorough, and where a task commensurate with its power is given, the organization becomes very effective for the missionary enterprise.

Question IV.—Was concerning the use of envelopes, the "per cent" system; the time of offering; personal solicitation of members; the person making the appeal, pastor or representative.

The use of special envelopes and regular times for the missionary offerings is quite general. There is an increased use of the duplex envelope in churches of 250 and 500 members.

Only five pastors prefer to have the missionary representative make the appeal before the church. A few prefer to vary by the use of both pastor and representative.

Sixty pastors make personal solicitation of their members for gifts to missions. Others do it by committees, and still others by letters.

The conclusion is, that if the missionary enterprise is to be successful, missions must be presented systematically in every church. Both experience and wisdom indicate that some form of the budget plan will be easiest for the churches and most successful for the missionary enterprise.

It is the almost unanimous verdict that the pastor shall make the appeal to his church the most of the time, and the large majority of the pastors prefer it all of the time.

Question V.—Was concerning what motives in the Christian were most successfully appealed to; and what means were found most successful in securing interest in, and contributions for missions.

The Great Commission as the command of Christ and the idea of the Kingdom involved therein and loyalty thereto was found to be the most successful appeal. 2nd. Personal love of Christ. 3rd. Knowledge of the need. 4th. Christian duty.

Almost without exception, sermons, literature, and returned missionaries were regarded as the best means. It may be somewhat of a surprise that sermons stand first as the best means that is used to make missions a success. There can be no question that missionary preaching without any other means is sufficient to make the church a success with respect to the missionary enterprise. It is the commonest weapon that the preacher has to wield. And Christ, the name that is oftenest on the preacher's lips, is the appeal that will prevail with the listener to enlist himself with Christ in winning this world from its sin.

Question VI.—Was concerning the attitude of the pastor and his people to present day missionary administration; the weakness and the remedy of such administration.

Only one pastor confessed to hostility to the administration; only nine were unfriendly. Some were critical but friendly. The great majority were favorable to and sympathetic with the administration.

The weakness and defects of the administration are such as have already appeared in the sentiment for a Northern Convention. And the remedies are such as the Convention is designed to supply.

There was no criticism from the Canadian provinces, or from the districts of the Southern Board of their respective administrations.

The conclusion is that there has been a real and widespread demand for the Northern Baptist Convention. And there will undoubtedly be found to be a rallying of the denomination to

the missionary enterprise because of its confidence in the Convention.

Question VII.—Was concerning the chief difficulties found in securing missionary interest and contributions.

The selfishness, indifference, and worldliness of the people were the principal difficulties spoken of. But lack of information was given as the chief difficulty.

Many of the pastors said that the pastor was the key to the situation; that the pastor could make the church to become pretty nearly what he wanted it to be; that a missionary pastor would make a missionary church. This was the judgment of the pastors who had made a success in large, medium, and small churches in every part of the country, and in Canada.

General Conclusion.

This report is based on a mass of first hand material such as the missionary societies themselves do not possess. It is the candid judgment of pastors of all sorts of churches in all sorts of conditions, and who have made a success. And its conclusive force is that any pastor and his church can make a like success if they would assume the responsibilities of the Kingdom and rise to its opportunities. And the measure of success is, $1.00 to benevolence to $2.35 for current expenses.

Based upon the demonstrated possible success of the missionary enterprise by churches in all ordinary and normal conditions the committee has the following propositions to advance:

1st. That the missionary enterprise, as applied to city, state, home and foreign evangelism is worthy of the church's holiest ambition and supreme endeavor.

2nd. That the magnitude of the task necessitates the systematic inculcation of its ideals and responsibilities, and also in the appeal to the thought and stewardship of the Christian. And that the budget plan is the best method by which all the churches can best co-operate with the Northwest Baptist Convention, and thus cause it to become that great power for good to the denomination for which it was organized.

3rd. The means are right at hand in every church for a splendid success.

Signed:

D. T. Magill, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church.
C. F. Tolman, Pastor Maplewood Baptist Church.
O. V. Wheeler, Pastor Bethel Baptist Church.

The crosses which we make for ourselves by a restless anxiety as to the future, are not crosses which come from God.—Fenelon.

The sixty-ninth convocation of the University of Chicago was held on the afternoon of Dec. 18. The attendance was not as large as usual. The convocation address was delivered by Hon. John W. Foster, former secretary of State, upon "The Development of International Law." About 100 students received degrees. The honorary degree of LL. D., was conferred upon W. J. Wever, J. D., imperial German consul-general at Chicago. Dr. Frank Crane, of Worcester, Mass., was the convocation chaplain.

The University Divinity School reports an enrollment for the autumn quarter of 114. This is an increase of 28 over the number enrolled one year ago. A preaching service conducted by students before the entire body of faculty and students gives promise of practical help in this line. One of the new features is the opening of a dormitory for married students of whom there are a number.

THE BAPTIST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The November meeting of the Council was largely attended. In fact it was one of the most significant meetings ever held by Chicago Baptists. There was a spirit that convinced those present that there are great minds, great opportunities, and great demands. There was a spirit of courage in the delegates. They recognized the situation and were not afraid to help in its solution.

The organization has awakened new hopes in many fields, where they were ready to disband and courage has been instilled, till now some of these very churches are talking about forward movements in their fields.

There is a pressing demand for new buildings in several of the fields. The latent abilities are aroused and developed towards this end. The

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WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

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At no time since the enactment in 1897 of the Scientific Temperance Instruction Law has there been such urgent need of wide-awake, earnest, and persistent effort on the part of the friends of the law for its retention and enforcement.

The Educational Commission appointed by Gov. Deneen last winter, for the codification of the school laws of the state, has been at work, recommending changes, and already four bulletins have been issued, the first of which is "A Tentative Plan for a State Board of Education." This proposed State Board of Education is to consist of nine members. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed by the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The term of office of the appointive members shall be eight years.

What assurance have we that our S. T. I. law, if left intact by the Educational Commission, would not be grievously modified by such a State Board of Education? What influence would such a State Board of education exert toward thorough temperance teaching in the public schools?

At the State Teacners' Association meeting last December, by a vote of 163 to 16, of the one thousand to twelve hundred teachers in attendance, the Association voted to urge our State Legislature to repeal our law and enact a substitute bill. At the recent Teachers' Association meetings held in various parts of the state, the question of the codification of the school laws, and in connection therewith the substitute bill, came up for lengthy discussions, and many teachers spoke in favor of our law; others, on the contrary, being bitterly antagonistic to it.

But our workers have not been idle. The State Central Committee of one hundred representative men and women from all parts of the state of Illinois has been organized, in order to present a strong body to the next legislature, which is opposed to the repeal of the present law. It is our purpose to have these names published in the various periodicals and newspapers of the state. The members of this committee have already exerted a strong influence over educators and legislators for the retention of our law.

Resolutions have been passed by the following influential bodies in the state favoring the retention and enforcement of the law: The Illinois Anti-Saloon League Convention, the state board meeting of the Anti-Saloon League, the Illinois Sunday-school Convention, the Prohibition State Convention, the various bodies of the Swedish Church and the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Ministerial Associations of Chicago.

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We expect to hear from the Supreme Court in a short time in a decision in Sunday Closing Mandamus Case against the Mayor, seeking to compel him to close the saloons of Michael Kenna (one of the aldermen of the First Ward) on Sunday.

The First Ward Ball has come and gone. We have several written reports and intend to have reports from at least eight persons who were present, showing the awful degredation of that disgraceful ball.

On last Saturday, on evidence furnished by this league, two persons were convicted of keeping slot machines and fined $100 and costs. One case was decided by Judge Heap of the Desplaines Street Municipal Court, and the other by Judge Newcomer of the Criminal Branch of the Municipal Court.

On last Sunday the Organization of the 25th Ward Law and Order League was partly accomplished, the president being selected to serve until the annual meeting in January, and three persons were selected to represent that League upon the Chicago Law and Order League.

In co-operation and in union there is more strength for all of us.

We received today a letter from one of the great newspapers from a party who desired to give information to this League and because this party did not know our address, we desire to publish our address and telephone number.

Chicago Law and Order League,
Suite 1005-6, 153 LaSalle St.,
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THE CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNION.

Alida H. O'Connor, Secretary.

Members of different societies visit, each Sunday forenoon, the women at the Bridewell. The women sing temperance songs, many sign the pledge and resolve never to touch liquor again, as it is the cause of sending most of them to that unwelcome home.

Mr. John F. Cunneen, Chief Sir Knight of Father Mathew's organization, will lecture for the temperance cause in Wisconsin after January first.

Chicago has lost an ardent temperance worker by Rt. Rev. Bishop Muldoon going to Rockford. Nothing could please him more than to have the saloons banished not only from Rockford, but from his entire new diocese. He takes the same stand as the Third Council of Baltimore, that the saloon-keeper should seek a more honorable way of making a living.

Rev. Father Banon of Yorkville, Indiana, classes the saloon-keepers with robbers of the style who robbed and wounded the man who was going from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Men would pluck their mercies green when the Lord would have them ripe.—E. S. Elliott.

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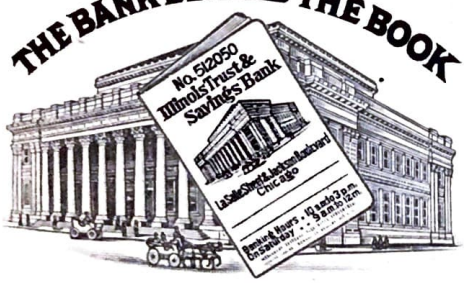

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The No-License Campaign is on. Chicago's Christian and Temperance organizations are back of the movement. One hundred thousand signatures to the petition will be necessary to get the question on the ballot. How many can the Young People themselves secure? We ought to get at least half of them. Every one living in Cook County can help. Lend a hand.

In securing signers to petitions be absolutely certain of the following:

That every one circulating the petition is a resident of Cook County;

That every one who signs the petition is a registered voter of the City of Chicago;

That only one person circulates the same petition blank. It must not be transfered from one to another. If the one who sarts with a petition cannot finish filling it, have him certify to the names he has, leaving the rest blank. In having the voter sign use the following as a model—do not omit parts, abbreviate or use ditto marks: W. A. Smith, 1248 State St., January 4, 1908.

The No-License Campaign will give the best opportunity for thorough education along the lines of temperance ever presented to the people of this city. Let us make it count.

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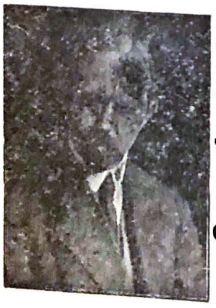

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But there is food other than bread. There are needs way beyond the requirements of the body—and the provision is just as abundant. God's table has food for the inner life. Consider the abundance of good books. Have you ever thought of the provision of today and that of the earlier years—what a profusion of good things! One can scarcely touch the outer edge of the great table of books, which God has ordered for the world's good.

There is the glory of the world which he has made. Here at the springtime everything is preparing for a golden year. His paths drop fatness. Go out and eat and drink of the goodness of God in nature. For the inner appetite, the things which enrich the soul, how great is the provision of god!

Yet the best of all is the food of eternal life. Jesus is the bread of life; he is the water of life. And the Book of books reveals him in all his glory. Have you come to the table, have you eaten of the bread of life? In this also God has made abundant provision. There is bread and to spare in the Father's house; no one needs to go hungry.

Your prayers are not lost. When the merchant sends his ships to distant shores he does not expect them to come back richly laden in a single day; he has long patience. Perhaps your prayers will come back, like the ships of the merchant, all the more heavily laden with blessings because of the delay.—Robert Murray McCheyne.

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An experiment in connection with a great international exposition is to be tried next year, when the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is held in Seattle, and it will be watched with more than usual interest by Church and temperance people. For the first time in the history of expositions, the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds—or near them—will be absolutely prohibited.